

the Affordable Care Act is having in my home State of California.

A woman by the name of Melanie wrote the following letter to the L.A. Times:

My daughter and I have been without health care for 3 years following my loss of employer-provided insurance. In that period, I have paid handsomely for those times when my mother-ministrations were not sufficient and I had to seek the care of a very expensive doctor. I've been waiting eagerly for ObamaCare for the two of us since the law was enacted in 2010.

Did I run into problems when I first tried to sign up in California? I did.

Did I persevere? I did.

Did I finally get through? I did.

In January, I'll be able to take care of a condition I've ignored for the last 2 years, and my college-age daughter will be covered as well. Although the subsidy certainly helps, I will be paying something for coverage we haven't had for years. To those who cry foul, I say "score."

Mr. Speaker, I couldn't have said it better. The reality is that because of ObamaCare, millions of vulnerable Americans now "score."

IN MEMORY OF DR. PERRY INHOFE

(Mr. BRIDENSTINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, last week, we celebrated Thanksgiving. We gathered with family and friends to thank God for his provision, his goodness, and his mercy.

But for some families, this Thanksgiving was bittersweet. Such was the case for Senator JIM INHOFE's family. They lost their son, Perry, in a tragic aviation accident on November 10.

Dr. Perry Inhofe was a highly skilled surgeon associated with Central States Orthopedics in Tulsa. David Long, Central States' CEO, said:

Dr. Inhofe was known as a very caring and compassionate physician. He was the kind of doctor who made you feel you had his full attention and that your health was the most important thing to him.

Continuing an Inhofe family tradition, Perry loved flying with his children and teaching them about flying. From what I understand, he was a good pilot.

Dr. Inhofe is survived by his wife, Nancy, and two sons, Glade and Cole.

I wish to express condolences to the whole Inhofe family. I pray they will be comforted and strengthened by the fact that Perry was a believer in the living Christ, who said:

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

Amen.

DO NOT REPEAL OBAMACARE

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, now that the notorious problems with the ACA

Web site healthcare.gov appear to be largely behind us, it is important that we cut through the partisan noise and look at some facts.

One fact is that in 2 days—Sunday and Monday alone—almost 30,000 Americans have gone to healthcare.gov to sign up for health insurance. Many of these families are families with pre-existing conditions that would have no way to get health insurance other than healthcare.gov and the ACA.

In my own State of Connecticut, with less than 1 percent of the American population, 22,000 families have signed up for health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, from the President down, we were concerned by people losing their health care plans in the rather small individual market. But it is important for the American people to understand that when they hear the word "repeal," they need to understand that repeal means that the tens of thousands, the hundreds of thousands, the millions of Americans who will get insurance because of the ACA will lose it.

Millions of Americans will lose their new-found insurance if this word "repeal" ever becomes law. That is not right; and on that, I think we should agree.

CONGRATULATING CORPORAL MATTHEW HAMPTON

(Mr. DESJARLAIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Corporal Matthew Hampton, an outstanding citizen of our community and a true American patriot.

In recognition of his service to this country, Matthew was recently awarded the 28th Palmer Veterans Appreciation Award.

Following his graduation from Grundy County High School, Matthew volunteered for the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Iraq, where he served as a Huey and Cobra helicopter crew chief and gunner.

Corporal Hampton's exemplary service as a "devil dog" is reflected in the numerous commendations and military decorations he received, including the Naval Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and National Defense Medal.

Mr. Speaker, this recognition is a testament to the heroism and dedication to duty that marked Corporal Hampton's exemplary service in the United States Marine Corps. I, along with a grateful Nation, congratulate him on receiving the Palmer Veterans Appreciation Award and thank him for his outstanding service to our Nation.

ACA AND BREAST CANCER

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight how the Affordable Care Act is already helping thousands of breast cancer survivors and those with preexisting conditions.

In late 2007, I heard those terrible words, "You have breast cancer." I underwent seven surgeries, but in some ways, I was one of the fortunate ones because I had health insurance coverage.

I have spoken to women who have foregone mammograms and even cancer treatments because the cost was simply too great to bear. Now, the Affordable Care Act emphasizes prevention by making it possible for Americans to get screenings, like mammograms, without a copay.

It also finally ends the egregious practice of denying coverage to patients with preexisting conditions, like my south Florida constituent Carolyn Newman, a survivor who will save \$7,000 a year with an affordable plan, thanks to the Affordable Care Act. She can save even more by shopping on the exchange.

With the Affordable Care Act making it possible for more women to access preventive services and not be denied coverage, we can work to eradicate breast cancer once and for all.

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to tell the story of the Montez Family, who live in my congressional district in Colorado.

They live in Arvada, Colorado, and because of the Affordable Care Act, they will now be able to afford health insurance. This is a success story of the Affordable Care Act and of its improving access to quality, affordable health care.

Both Joaquin and Rosalee Montez are employed, but neither of their employers provides coverage to their employees. They have a daughter in college, a 13-year-old son, and a 4-year-old daughter. With rates ranging from \$450 to \$600 per month, purchasing private insurance was too expensive for the Montez Family, especially with three kids, a house payment, and a car payment. Due to a constrained budget, the only time the kids were receiving health care was when they were "really, really, really sick," and always at an urgent care center. One time after their daughter got E. coli, the Montez Family was stuck with a \$17,000 hospital bill.

Thanks to the help of a navigator, they were able to get insurance through the Affordable Care Act, which is a success for this Nation.

BUDGET

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)